

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2161

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APPOINTMENT OF SC/ST PERSONS IN SETTLEMENT COMMISSION

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the persons belonging to the SC/ST categories havenot been given adequate representation, while appointing them to the posts of President/Chairman, Vice-President/Vice-Chairmenand Members of the Settlement Commission (Income-Tax and Wealth Tax);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total number of persons posted as President/Chairman, Vice-Presidents/Vice-Chairmen and Members of the Settlement Commission (Income-Tax and Wealth Tax) as on January 1, 1996 and the number of persons belonging to the SCs/STs appointed to the said posts and their percentage to the total number of posts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) and (b) Sir, the Settlement Commission (IT/WT) is a quasi-judicial body set up under the Income Tax Act/Wealth Tax Act. Its objective is to provide a body comprising of persons of integrity and outstanding ability, having special knowledge and experience in problems relating to Direct Taxes and business accounts for settling cases. There is no reservation for SC/ST in these posts.

(c) As on 01.01.1996, there were 8 Members, 3 Vice-Chairmen and 1 Chairman in various benches of Settlement Commission. None of these officers belonged to SC/ST community.